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Please amend, as shown below, the paragraph beginning on page 2 of the specification and extending into page 3. Applicants have amended this paragraph to amend the spelling of the word "ageing" (page 2, line 17) in accordance with the Examiner's request. It should be noted, however, that according to *Webster's New Universal Unabridged Dictionary* (any version) either the spelling aging or ageing is correct. For what it is worth, applicants actually prefer the spelling "ageing" because they believe it more accurately conveys the pronunciation and meaning to a reader.

Because of light losses due to misalignment of optical components and other losses in the system, it is often necessary to drive light sources, such as lasers, light emitting diodes, etc. harder (i.e., provide more current) to provide sufficient light for proper operation. Also, because of minor changes in alignment of components, differences in components (although they may still be within a specified tolerance), ~~ageing~~ aging of components and especially the light source itself, and other factors, it is often necessary to change the amount of drive to the light sources between similar optoelectric apparatus and in a

specific apparatus over a lifetime. For example, it is well known in the art that the light output of semiconductor lasers (including vertical cavity surface emitting lasers 'VCSELs', edge emitting lasers, etc.) varies with changes in conditions.